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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS"

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1. WE NOTE FORTHCOMING GAO REVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED INTER
ALIA IN RABAT AND LOOK FORWARD TO PRESENTING THE BACKGROUND
OF WHAT WE CONSIDER A WELL CONCEIVED, PRODUCTIVE SECURITY
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS REVIEW WILL INCLUDE
DISCUSSIONS WITH MOROCCAN OFFICIALS OR INDEED WHETHER
THE TEAM'S PRESENCE WILL EVEN BE REVEALED TO THE GOM.
THE EMBASSY RECENTLY PLAYED HOST TO A GAO TEAM OF FOUR
FOR FOUR WEEKS, REVIEWING A SAMPLE COUNTRY PROGRAM OF THE
UNDP (AND WHO AND ILO). THEIR COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE WAS
EXEMPLARY AND WE BELIEVE THEY WILL PRODUCE AN EXCELLENT
REPORT TO THE CONGRESS. NEVERTHELESS, THE EXPERIENCE MAY
WELL BE PERTINENT, EVEN IF NOT ENTIRELY ANALOGOUS IN THAT
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IT WAS NOT BILATERAL.

3. DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS AND THOSE OF THE TEAM, MOST
MOROCCAN OFFICIALS NEVER REALLY UNDERSTOOD THE ROLE OF
AN INDEPENDENT BRANCH OF THE USG OEPRATING OVERSEAS,
PERHAPS OUT OF AN INABILITY TO SEE A SIMPLE EXPLANATION

WHERE A COMPLEX ONE WILL DO. THE GOM'S PERPLEXITY WAS COMPOUNDED BY THE EXTENT OF THE MANPOWER AND TIME WHICH THE GAO WAS ABLE TO BRING TO ITS TASK, AS WELL AS THE MANPOWER AND TIME THE GOM WAS CALLED UPON TO PUT AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE GAO TEAM. THE NET RESULT WAS THE EXPENDITURE BY THE AMBASSADOR AND OTHERS OF CONSIDERABLE DIPLOMATIC AMMUNITION IN PREPARING AND CONTINUALLY REASSURING THE MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES.

4. WE URGE, THEREFORE, THAT CAREFUL THOUGHT BE GIVEN TO ANY ADVICE THAT MAY BE PROFERRED TO THE GAO ON WHETHER AND HOW THE TEAM IS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH THE GOM, AND THAT THE GAO TEAM BE ENCOURAGED TO BE AS FAMILIAR AS POSSIBLE WITH OUR PROGRAM BEFORE THEY ARRIVE, THUS SHORTENING THE LENGTH OF THEIR STAY. (AS FAR AS RABAT IS CONCERNED, WE ALSO RUN THE RISK OF FURTHER PUZZLING THE GOM BY BEING VISITED IN THE SPACE OF A FEW MONTHS BY S/IG INSPECTORS, TWO GAO TEAMS, AND AID AUDITORS).

5. ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OR GUIDANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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